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CLUSTERS AS DRIVERS OF THE GREEN AND DIGITAL  
TRANSITION IN REGIONAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS



## AGENDA

### Clusters as Drivers of Green and Digital Transition in Regional Innovation Ecosystems

*Innovation in the Aerospace, E-mobility and  
Nautical sectors in Umbria*

**Palazzo Trinci**

**Piazza della Repubblica n. 25**

**06034 Foligno, Italy**

The objective of the CMR event organised by Sviluppumbria and Umbria Region is to demonstrate how **Green and Digital Transition** can be fostered thanks to Clusters and Value Chains as drivers of regional innovation ecosystems.

The conference will examine the transformative role of clusters in driving innovation, promoting sustainability, and strengthening resilience within regional and European ecosystems, in the framework of industrial transformation.

The event will highlight the role of the Umbria Region and Sviluppumbria in the support to the Regional Innovation Ecosystem in the European and international context.

This event is an opportunity to strengthen connections between clusters, policymakers, and industry leaders, related to the challenges Europe faces in achieving decarbonisation targets.

## Day 1 – 24 June 2025

| Time  |   |
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| 09:00 | <b>Registration of participants and welcome coffee</b>  |
| 09:30 | <b>Opening session – Welcoming address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Stefania Proietti</b> - President of Umbria Region</li><li>• <b>Stefano Zuccarini</b> - Mayor of Foligno</li><li>• <b>Luca Ferrucci</b> - CEO Sviluppumbria</li><li>• <b>Alberto Valenzano</b> - DG GROW, European Commission</li><li>• <b>Alessandra Frassetto</b> - ECCP Representative</li></ul>   |
| 10:00 | <b>Regional Cluster Ecosystem in Umbria - Strengthening synergies between the European, national and regional level</b><br><b>Inspirational Keynote Speech:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Michele Guerrini</b> – Scientific Counsellor for Research and Innovation, Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU</li></ul> <b>Setting the scene - Presentation of the input paper of Umbria Region:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jan-Philipp Kramer</b> - Head of EU Services, Prognos</li></ul> <b>The key role of Clusters in Umbria and Umbria regional policy to support them:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Adriano Bei</b> – Director of Economic Development, Umbria Region</li></ul> |

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|              | <p><b>Regional Ecosystems - The role of clusters in Umbria in shaping industrial transformation of the region</b></p> <p>The session will focus on the aerospace, e-mobility and nautical sectors: three crucial sectors to drive the green and digital transition and strengthen the industrial ecosystem in Umbria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Luigi Rossetti</b> - Director for Planning, Budget, Human Resources, Heritage, Culture, Digital Agenda Directorate, Umbria Region (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Luca Gammaiton</b> – Full Professor, University of Perugia Scientific coordinator of Vitality Project – Innovation Ecosystem</li> <li>• <b>Daniele Tonti</b> – President, Umbria Aerospace Cluster</li> <li>• <b>Alessio Damiani</b> – President, Umbria e-mobility Network</li> <li>• <b>Giorgio Rellini</b> – President, Umbria Nautical Cluster</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Cillian Fani</b> - Secretary General, Umbria Aerospace Cluster</p> |
| <b>10:50</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |

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|       | <p><b>Regional and national strategies and good practices – Addressing challenges for the future of the industrial transition</b></p> <p>Regions face several complex challenges in implementing effective cluster policy support. The success of these policies depends on a balance between the ability to plan, coordinate, finance, innovate and adapt to market changes. The commitment of public authorities should be aimed at creating an integrated and dynamic ecosystem that supports local enterprises and fosters positive interaction between all economic and social actors. Representatives from various European regions with a dedicated focus on clusters will share concrete insights and lessons learned from their experiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Luca Ferrucci</b> - CEO Sviluppumbria</li> <li>• <b>Ilaria Corsi</b> - European Projects Office Coordinator, EEN ELSE /Lazio Innova</li> <li>• <b>Daniele Piccolo</b> - Earth Observation Data Specialist, Veneto Region</li> <li>• <b>Lidia Mocanu Betoaea</b> - Head of Office One Stop Shop, ADR North-East Romania</li> <li>• <b>Bogdan ČESNIK</b> - Director, ROD Ajdovščina Slovenia</li> <li>• <b>Jean-Francois BENON</b> - General Director, CEEVO - Val d'Oise Regional Development and Attractiveness Agency France</li> <li>• <b>Sanja Ivetić</b> - Regional Development Agency of Primorje-Gorski Kotar County Croatia</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Marina Cecilia Sereni</b> - Head of External and International Relations Office, head of International Clusters activities, EEN Italian Coordinator/ Sviluppumbria</p> |
| 13:30 | <b>Networking Lunch</b>   |
| 14:30 | <p><b>International co-operation to overcome the challenges of industrial transformation – The internationalisation of clusters as a crucial element to foster innovation and economic growth</b></p> <p>Industrial transformation refers to the shift towards more sustainable, digitalised, and technologically advanced methods of production and operation across industries. While this transformation holds great potential, it also comes with significant challenges. These challenges can range from technological and economic issues to societal and environmental concerns. International cooperation plays a crucial role</p>  |

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|       | <p>in addressing these challenges and ensuring that the benefits of industrial transformation are shared globally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Simona Moraglia</b> - R&amp;D initiatives and funded programs, Officine Meccaniche Aeronautiche</li> <li>• <b>Silvana Sanfeliu Gaimo</b> - Head of internationalisation and European projects, Smart Communities Tech/Fondazione Innova Piemonte</li> <li>• <b>Daniel Janeiro</b> - Coordinator of the External Relations Department, Alentejo Regional Development Agency (ADRAL)</li> <li>• <b>Paolo Vercesi</b> - Executive Director, AFIL</li> <li>• <b>Sara Tresoldi</b> - REI, Reindustria Innovazione - Alleanza Italiana Cluster</li> <li>• <b>Giada Mennuti</b> - Business and Innovation Adviser – EEN SME2EUplus/Confindustria Toscana</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Roberta Dall'Olio</b> – Territorial Development Advisor, EURADA</p> |
| 15:30 | <p><b>Cluster e-mobility - Kickstarting Innovation Lab - Industry and University together driving creativity, experimentation, and long-term strategic value in the sector of e-mobility.</b></p> <p>A dynamic session for all participants to launch a new initiative: the creation of an innovation Lab. A space designed to foster experimentation, ideation, and the rapid development of new ideas, technologies, or business models where students, researchers and entrepreneurs come together to develop new models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Patrizio Quattrocchi</b> - R&amp;D and Innovation Manager, Angelantoni Test Technologies S.r.l.</li> <li>• <b>Ermanno Cardelli</b> - Professor University of Perugia</li> </ul>  |
| 16:00 | <p><b>Pitching Session</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Alessandra Frassetto</b> – ECCP Representative / Policy &amp; Project Officer, EURADA</p>  |
| 17:00 | <p><b>Wrap Up Day 1 and Information about Day 2</b></p>  |

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|              | <p><b>Closing Remarks, main takeaways</b></p> <p><b>Tommaso Bori</b> - Vice-President &amp; Councilor for European Fund Planning, Budget, Heritage, Personnel, Culture, Digital Agenda, Umbria Region</p> <p><b>Valeria Tudisco</b> - Representative of Sviluppumbria Brussels Office</p> |
| <b>17:30</b> | <b>Networking Cocktail Reception</b>  |
| <b>18:30</b> | <b>Tour Visit Foligno</b>   |

## Day 2 – 25 June 2025

| Time         |  |
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| <b>08:30</b> | <b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>   |
| <b>09:00</b> | <p><b>Cross-sectorial and interregional cooperation - Developing joint internationalisation initiatives and encouraging collaboration in projects aimed at innovation and research</b></p> <p><b>Inspirational Keynote Speech:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Daniele Violato</b> - Head of Synergies, Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking</li> </ul>  |
| <b>09:20</b> | <p><b>Industrial Transition - How decarbonisation will change the future of e-mobility - Focus on hydrogen and transport</b></p> <p><b>Panel discussion - Industrial sustainability enablers:</b></p> <p>Reducing carbon emissions from industrial activities will fundamentally transform the future of industry, and hydrogen will play a pivotal role in this transition. Hydrogen, particularly green hydrogen (produced via electrolysis using renewable electricity), offers a clean alternative to fossil fuels in sectors where direct electrification is difficult or inefficient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Laurent Donceel</b> - Director for Transport, Industrial Policy &amp; Sustainability, Hydrogen Europe</li> <li>• <b>Brigita Habjan Štolfa</b> - Director, Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GZS) Northern Primorska</li> </ul> |

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|              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Roya Ayazi</b> - Secretary General, NEREUS</li> <li>• <b>Guido Casellato</b> - Chief Executive Officer - H2C S.p.A.</li> <li>• <b>Andrea Rampini</b> - Cluster Umbria e-mobility / Rampini SpA</li> <li>• <b>Marko Žabojec</b> - Grinn Cluster (HR)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Linda Barelli</b> - University of Perugia</p>   |
| <b>10:40</b> | <p><b>Panel discussion - Vocational training to facilitate and ensure industrial transformation:</b></p> <p>Vocational training plays a critical role in driving and sustaining industrial transformation, particularly as economies shift toward automation, digitalization, green technologies, and advanced manufacturing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Giuseppe Pippi</b> - Designer and Instructor for IT Programs - ITS Umbria Academy</li> <li>• <b>Carla Emiliani</b> - Full professor, Deputy Rector for university education</li> <li>• <b>Sanja Ivetić</b> - Regional Development Agency of Primorje-Gorski Kotar County"</li> <li>• <b>Brigita Habjan Štolfa</b> - Director, Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GZS) Northern Primorska</li> <li>• <b>Giovanni Zazzerini</b> - Secretary General INSME International Network for SMEs</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Giovanni Cinti</b> - Coordinator H2VE Erasmus+ Project, University of Perugia</p> |
| <b>11:30</b> | <p><b>Coffee break</b></p>  |
| <b>11:50</b> | <p><b>Panel - Internationalization, innovation and intersectorial technologies: how the technologies support clusters in the ecological transition</b></p> <p>Main challenges: The industry faces numerous challenges, both structural and related to emerging global trends. How technology supports clusters in the Ecological transition</p>   |

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|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Giorgio Rellini</b> - President, Umbria Nautical Cluster</li> <li>• <b>Bože Čolak</b> - MARRIN (HR)</li> <li>• <b>Igor Dorgnach</b> - EIE Group representing RIR AIR</li> <li>• <b>Luciano Pizzoni</b> - Umbra Group SPA</li> <li>• <b>Pietro Angelini</b> – Director, Navigo</li> <li>• <b>Marco Chiarappa</b> – VGA SRL</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Daniel Janeiro</b> - ADRAL</p>   |
| 12:40 | <p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Francesco De Rebotti</b> – Councilor for Economic Development, Umbria Region</li> <li>• <b>Alberto Valenzano</b> - DG GROW, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Francesco Molica</b> - Director, EURADA</li> </ul>   |
| 13:00 | <p><b>Lunch break</b></p>  |
| 14:00 | <p><b>Study visits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><a href="#">OMA SpA – Aerospace Group</a></u> (Foligno)<br/>OMA is a leading supplier of aircraft components intended for the civil and military market of fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircrafts, specialised in three areas of application: aerostructures, actuation equipment and systems, overhauling.</li> <li>• <u><a href="#">Rocco Marmi Srl - Nautical Group</a></u> (Terni)<br/>Founded in 1985 Rocco Marmi has now become a reference point for attention to detail, attention to customer needs and ability to customize each product. Through elegance, harmony and style, the</li> </ul> |

marble, processed in-house, is modelled to give it life and adapt it to different uses. Rocco Marmi is an industry that continues to produce stone objects with the most modern technology, guaranteeing the same craftsmanship as in the past.

- **Rampini SpA e-mobility Group** (Passignano sul Trasimeno)

The history of the company Rampini started in 1945 in Umbria, the green heart of Italy. Rampini produces electric and fuel-cell buses, vehicles and equipment for the defence industry and civilian use, covering a wide range of purposes. They focus on innovative design sets the standard for electric and fuel-cell public transport, an area where they are leaders today for design and manufacturing. During the company visit it will be possible to view the production line of the Electric and Hydrogen Range Extender buses; it will also be possible to view their refuelling station suitable for small/medium fleets. The Rampini company will also show one of their 55kW Fuel Cells, part of the H2EuPower BU products with which they want to position themselves as a solution provider for potential partners who urgently need solutions in the zero emission sector.

**17:30**

**Departure**